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Memorial Windows

(Since the summer's building program was started there has been no interruption for lack of funds, our friends having constantly supplied the money with which to purchase materials and pay the laborers week by week.)

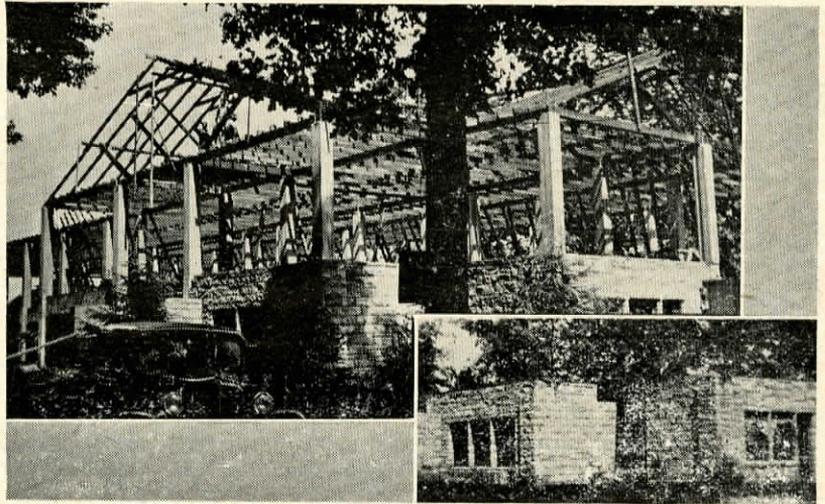
It seems probable that enough money will be realized each month through the Rhea County and Nation-Wide Thousand-Dollar Clubs to take care of the weekly payroll and pay for some materials. The big cost item that is concerning us now is the purchase of the steel windows. For the greatest saving in price and on the freight, a single purchase of windows should be made, involving between twelve and thirteen hundred dollars. They are needed immediately to expedite the work.

One large gift or a very few gifts received immediately covering the entire amount needed would help most to be ready for the students at the opening of school, September 23d. But a prompt response is even more essential than large gifts.

For those that would like to help with this imperative need and at the same time perpetuate the memory of some loved one a suggestion is offered. It is planned that a limited number of windows, designed as memorial windows, shall be installed appropriately marked with a brass plate on each window, bearing the name of the one to whom the window is dedicated. This may be the donor, a parent, grand-parent, a deceased loved one, or anyone whom it is desired to honor in this way. A church or Bible Class may purchase one of these windows, specifying that the memorial plate shall bear its name.

A large window on the main floor will cost \$25.00—a window on the first or lower floor, \$15.00. Some may want to purchase several windows under this arrangement. It may here be mentioned that the windows are metal casement windows, excellent for the purpose and completely

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A Recent Picture of the Memorial Building
Inset—Before Summer's Construction Began

BUILDING GOES ON— AND UP!

God's constant supply has been an amazing, yet not surprising thing to us as we have continued work on the summer's building construction. Although we could profitably employ twice as many men on construction, and although it does seem a staggering task to complete the dormitory and dining quarters in time for the opening of school, yet we have had funds (though often after the fashion of the widow's cruse) to go on week after week. Each day sees more and more change in the appearance of the construction, so that we are simply looking to the Lord in faith for the yet larger needs of the immediate future. (As you read this "Newsetter" you may know that all 56 concrete columns have been poured, that the roof is nearing completion, that the tile walls are about to arise.) Not yet in sight is the twelve hundred or more dollars for the windows. Remaining to be done are plumbing and electrical work, finishing of floors, interior partitions, setting up of kitchen equipment, moving of many roomfuls of furniture—and a host of minor tasks incident to the opening school rush.

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CATALOG-BULLETINS MAILED

Catalog-bulletins have been mailed out to those requesting them, to the number of 400 or more. An ample supply is on hand in the office, ready to be sent to all who would like to have complete information about the courses to be taught this year, the instructors who will teach them, expenses, scholarships, and other matters. A new feature of the catalog, incorporated in this edition, is the inclusion of pictures of the 1937-38 faculty and staff, most of whom will be at their accustomed places again this year. Several new members are being added to both faculty and staff this year.

Two of the new faculty members are to be Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Lynip, who are to be married in the near future, beginning their service with the University when school opens next month. Both are graduates of Houghton College. Mr. Lynip

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"We need to spend less time in studying the ages of the rocks and more time in studying the Rock of Ages"—Bryan

THE NEWSETTE

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— God Above All —

SINGERS' TOUR CONTINUES

"The Bryan University singers have a message that rings true. This consecrated group of singers was with us at the Judson Baptist Church, July 14. They were a blessing to our church and an inspiration to our young people.

"Parents looking for a safe place to send their children will not be disappointed in Bryan University. This school will increase, rather than decrease, the faith of those who enter its halls."

So wrote the pastor of one of the churches in which the University Gospel Singers appeared recently. It is a great joy to know that the message of these young people who have gone out from us is meeting with a ready response in the hearts of the people to whom they minister.

The tour, which closes early in September, has already taken the singers, with their motion picture record of life on the Bryan campus, through Kentucky, Ohio, and Pennsylvania, with a few side trips into neighboring states. (It was a West Virginia pastor who wrote the item quoted above.) Remaining engagements will be in eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York. The group has also been invited to sing in Toronto, Canada.

A pleasant surprise to the group was the presence of Miss Lyster, Professor of New Testament Greek and a resident of Aldan, Pa., in the service at Harrisburg, Pa. Her friends, the Umsteads, accompanied her. In Harrisburg, the singers enjoyed the hospitality of Dr. Houck, a well-known physician and surgeon and one of the University's good friends.

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MANY FRIENDS RESPOND

With last month's Newsette we included a supplement outlining the plans of the University for the construction of dormitory facilities for the young ladies and the faculty. An invitation was extended to those who desired to help in this work to join the Nation-Wide Thousand-Dollar Club. Citizens of Dayton and Rhea County, Tennessee, joined the Rhea County Thousand-Dollar Club.

The response has been most gratifying. Just a few days after the Newsette had been sent out, the first application was received, with the first month's contribution, from Mrs. George Evans, of Covington, Kentucky. Mrs. Evans' letter said, in part: "Accept my application. . . . Thanks for the Newsette and I want you to know our church continually remembers you and your work in prayer." She also recommended a young man of her acquaintance for admission into the freshman class.

Other letters were equally encouraging. Excerpts from some of them follow. *From New York City:* Enclosed find check to accompany application blank for a year's membership —\$12.00. *From Baton Rouge, La.:* Two dollars to add to the fund for the new dormitory. Only regret it can't be more at this time. . . . Believe me to be a friend to Bryan University. *From Atlanta, Ga.:* Herewith is my application for membership. . . . The artist's conception of Memorial Building is quite promising. We so much want to see it realized. *From Niantic, Conn.:* Join? Why, of course. Am following your building program with great interest. It will succeed. . . . I enclose 5 months' contribution in the Club.

A number of our friends sent in one sum the whole year's contribution. Some sent more than that. *From a friend in Rutherford, N. J.:* I prefer to pay in the one sum my membership for the year in the Nation-Wide Thousand-Dollar Club. This will not take the place of any other sums I may be able to contribute through the year. . . . God bless you all. *From Philadelphia, Pa.:* Enclosed find check for \$25.00. Wish it was \$25,000. *From Brooklyn, N. Y.:* Check for \$10.00 which will make me a member of the Thousand-Dollar Club up to June, '39. . . . How thank-

ful we all are to our Heavenly Father that Bryan University has been permitted to gain such steady advancement. *From Chestertown, Md.:* A bit of the Lord's money. . . . To be used . . . where most needed.

An especially encouraging letter, received several months ago, came from Mrs. Edwin Foster Kingsbury, of Rutherford, N. J. Photographed with our moving picture camera, it is being shown on the screen at programs of the University Gospel Singers on their summer tour. Mrs. Kingsbury wrote, enclosing a contribution: "A little help toward the new dormitory. You will get it!" It is such faith as this that moves mountains.

We who work on Bryan Hill are truly grateful to our many friends, without whose support we could not go on. We are especially glad to have the support of those who remember us not only financially but also prayerfully. Trusting in our Father Who has promised to supply, we look up and go forward.

CATALOG-BULLETINS

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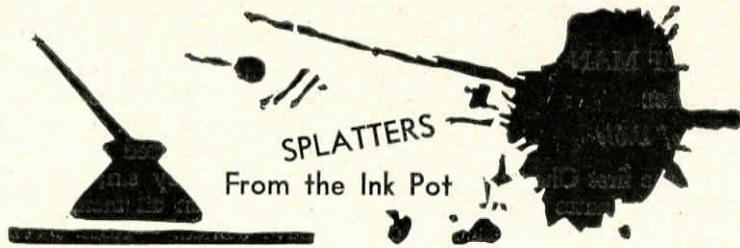
is to assist Prof. Ryther in the English department, while Mrs. Lynip will strengthen the music department, teaching piano and directing some groups of instrumentalists. Other new instructors will teach French, Spanish and Mathematics.

The school calendar, printed on page 3 of the catalog, gives September 23 as opening day. Classes begin on the 26th. The annual Bible Conference is scheduled to begin on October 2, closing a week later. Outstanding speakers have been engaged for this occasion.

Attention of prospective students is called to the special regulations on page 14 of the catalog. It is pointed out that school rules forbid the use of tobacco and alcoholic beverages while under University jurisdiction.

The catalog gives a brief summary of the history of the institution, its location, equipment, and religious attitude. Pictures of student life on the campus and on mountain hikes are included.

Bryan University



Mrs. Coutts—You know full well I'm writing in a most restrained mood, lest you catch me up in some diverting episode and put me in a column. . . . The courses at the University here (Boston) are certainly strenuous. Indeed I'm enjoying every minute. . . . There is pleasure in learning more of the rising building for which we all are asking guiding and fulfillment from on High.

Bill Paul—Just received a Newsette . . . it made me homesick for Tennessee. I'm singing here at Pinebrook twice a day, and on the Sunday broadcast.

Jumbo—I've been here seven weeks and it seems like seven months. . . . Went to the shore—did I have a good time? . . . I miss everybody in Dayton, even to Hambone.

Miss Lyster—As usual the Lord is keeping me busy and happy. . . . taught in the Aldan Bible School. . . . Visiting with the Word in the Home for Incurables . . . a program in the Salvation Army home. . . . Juanita helped me get dinner last night.

Julius—I will be back this fall. . . . I have to be judge in the election. . . . Have preached at the home town church—having a two-weeks' revival.

Louise—Where will the dining room, kitchen and rooms be located? My love to all the Bryan Family.

Mabel—Just now arrived in Clearfield and fixing to go to Lillian's . . . beautiful scenery in New York yesterday. . . . Had a nice time visiting the Kudlocks and Kohouts in Erie. . . . Keep sweet.

Becky P.—Connie and I had a good time at Dan's home . . . had pickled eggs. Some of the Southerners had never eaten them. . . . Praying that the Lord will continue to supply the needs. The days are rapidly passing, but not too fast for us to get back to Dayton.

Ruth—I'd like to come back up here to Kane when there's lots of snow. We've been hearing about all the skiing. The air up here is wonderful.

The Newsette

D. W. R.—Have just gone "knock, knock" on Mr. Fish's father's door—no response. . . . Had 10 Rythers at Falconer, N. Y., last night from Buffalo.

Connie—Having lots of fun . . . the car can't get to Clearfield fast enough to suit me. . . . Don't work too hard.

Ed Reid—It rejoices us to learn of the progress that Bryan is making. . . . Our pleasure to speak three times at the Erieside Bible Conference

Harold—I pray every day for Bryan . . . and the building plan. Isn't it great to look to no less a power than God for the supplying of our every need . . . have worked at my old job ever since arriving home . . . delivered message in prayer meeting . . . in church . . . singing solos in church. . . . Saw Juanita, Jimmy D., and Eileen G.

Lillian—No job but the Lord wants me to do His service this summer.

Derb Maynard—Working for the state. . . . My job will last until November, so I decided to stay and come to school the second quarter. . . . I get homesick for Bryan.

Ed de R.—I managed to get a glimpse of Hughes after he came back from his round-the-world flight . . . terrifically hot up here . . . torrential rains. . . . Anne has secured a position in some girls' school out in Pennsylvania.

Miss Yancey—You should see Connie! She is all excited because in about two hours we'll be in Clearfield (Penna.). This is a beautiful state, but will be glad to get back to Bryan.

Mildred—Camp Wycliffe is wonderful . . . have four classes a day . . . two in Morphology, Phonetics, Cakchiquel (Indian language). . . . Mr. Townsend encourages dates for Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. . . . My room-mate is the tallest girl in camp. . . . Love to all.

Margaret—We went swimming the other night—My, the sunset was gorgeous. . . . Looking forward to being back.

THE DOLLARS DO COUNT

Some of our friends, reading this, are no doubt saying to themselves, "My, but I would like to help build that dormitory." At the same time the thought is probably presenting itself, "But gifts to colleges must be large—no one ever gives less than a hundred dollars to a school, and usually it's a thousand." Popular belief to the contrary notwithstanding, that's just not true.

To give you an accurate conception of how our contributions are grouped according to size, we present the following information. During the month of July, contributions of \$1.00 or less were received from 49 of our friends; gifts of \$2.00-\$4.00 each came in from 31 individuals; 27 sent \$5.00 remittances; 15 contributions fell in the \$10.00-\$15.00 group; 7 contributions were in the \$20.00-\$90.00 classification; while only two were \$100.00 or more.

These figures do not include the money sent in by members of the Thousand-Dollar Clubs. If these remittances were included, the number of one-dollar gifts would be considerably larger. It is evident, then, that the number of one-dollar gifts is greater than the number of gifts in any other classification.

To us at Bryan it does not matter much whether the gift is one dollar or a hundred—we know, when we receive it, that there is a friend somewhere who sent it in. Of course, the large donations are necessary for the carrying on of the work. We are very grateful for them and consider that a trust has been committed to us which we must faithfully discharge by using the money wisely. But the small gifts represent to us the helpful interest of a friend who would be glad to give more if he were financially able. We appreciate the interest—and the dollars do help.

BUILDING GOES ON—

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More, it seems, than ever before, the support in prayer and means of our Christian friends is needed. For those who have been carrying on University work this summer, there has been no vacation or prospect of one. But He is able to sustain. Will you join in asking Him for strength for the day, and for His will to be done?

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WHAT WE BELIEVE

CREATION AND THE FALL OF MAN

Fourth Article In a Series

By Charles H. Currens, Professor of Bible

"We believe that the origin of man was by fiat of God in the act of creation as related in the book of Genesis; that he was created in the image of God; that he sinned and thereby incurred physical and spiritual death."

This is the fourth declaration in our Statement of Belief.

I.

The Scriptures are the foundation of our faith respecting the creation of man.

1. "God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him, male and female created He them."—Gen. 1:27. See Gen. 5:1, 2.
 - (a) Jesus believed and referred to these very words.—Mt. 19:4.
 - (b) The Holy Spirit declares three times in Gen. 1:27 that God "created" man. This repetition is made that man may know beyond a peradventure that he is a distinct and direct, independent Creation of God.
 - (c) This Divine act was the result of a counsel within the Trinity of which the Scriptures bear witness . . . "Let US make man."—Gen. 1:26.
 - (d) The very pattern of man's being is also described: "In the image of God created He them."—Gen. 1:27. This likeness to God made possible man's fellowship with God and endowed him with vast intelligence which qualified him to give appropriate names to "every beast of the field and every fowl of the air."—Gen. 2:19, 20. "Image" refers to man's position as representing God in the world: "likeness" refers to man's nature in that he resembled God in his freedom from sin.
2. "He that built all things is God."—Heb. 3:4.
3. "All things were created by Him and for Him."—Gal. 1:16.
 - (a) These statements of the Sacred Scriptures cannot admit of theories like evolution which speculate upon the origin of man.
 - (b) The expression, "after his kind," occurring seven times

in the first Chapter of Genesis, eliminates completely the God-dishonoring theory of evolution. See Gen. 1:11, 12, 12, 21, 21, 24, 25. Man did not proceed through countless orders from a microscopic cell. He came, as a finished product, directly from the hand of the Infinite, Omnipotent God, and has ever proceeded, from generation to generation "after his kind."

II.

We believe man lost his creative perfection through sin.

1. He was tempted by a creature, most dazzling and persuasive, which had lent itself to Satan for the occasion. In this creature, the serpent, Satan first appeared as "an angel of light."—2 Cor. 11:14.
2. The Serpent's voice was heard and heeded by the mother of our race.—Gen. 3:1-3. In his appeal the Serpent reflected upon the veracity of God (Gen. 3:1) and Eve politely consented, thereby becoming party to this blasphemous charge. She added to what God had said in Gen. 2:16, 17, a falsehood of her own creation, "neither shall ye touch it."—Gen. 3:3. The wise man warns, Prov. 30:6, "add thou not unto His words, lest He reprove thee, and thou be found a liar." Eve proved herself worthy of judgment by another perversion of God's word. He had said, "In the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die."—Gen. 2:17. Eve tempered these awful words to be, "lest ye die."—Gen. 3:3. Man has ever pursued this course, by either adding to or taking from the Word of God. Satan deceives unsaved men by his consoling words, "ye shall not surely die."—Gen. 3:4.
3. Both Adam and Eve yielded to Satan and sinned against God by eating the forbidden fruit.
4. One result of their disobedience was the discovery of their nakedness; conscience was born and they realized the fact of sin and fled from the presence of God. Their folly continued, and still continues with their every scion, for the natural man rejects God's favor and

flees from His forgiving grace.—See Rom. 3:10-12.

5. Flowing out from this bitter fountain of man's disobedience is the surging torrent of death. "By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."—Rom. 5:12. "By man came death" (I Cor. 15:21), and death is "the wages of sin."—Rom. 6:23. This exacting, terrifying wage has been demanded all down the ages as the result of Adam's disobedience. "Death entered on his reign by means of one man."—Rom. 5:17 (Weymouth).

III.

We believe the death resulting from Adam's transgression is both physical and spiritual.

1. Physical. "It is appointed unto man once to die."—Heb. 9:27.
 - (a) This does not mean cessation of life; it does mean the separation of soul and spirit from the body. The rich man's body was buried; his soul was in conscious torment.—Luke 16:19-31.
 - (b) This separation for the believer is termed "sleep" so far as his body is concerned.—I Thess. 4:13-15. At the time of dissolution his spirit is conducted into the presence of his Lord (II Cor. 5:8) and he is clothed upon with his house from heaven (II Cor. 5:1, 2) while he awaits his resurrection body.—I Cor. 15:44.
2. Spiritual death is the state of the natural, unregenerate man. He is "alienated from the life of God."—Eph. 4:18; Ezek. 18:4; Col. 2:13; I Jn. 5:11, 12.
3. The end of this spiritual death is eternal banishment from God in the lake of fire.—Rev. 20:6, 14, 15.

MEMORIAL WINDOWS

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fireproof, in keeping with the plan for the building. They are very handsome.

Those who are interested and would like to have one or more of these windows reserved should write the University office at once, indicating what name is to appear on the brass plate and enclosing the appropriate remittance or stating when it will be convenient to send it in.